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## Minor Irrigation

*Construction of a Channel from Rallayeru to chinnammacheruvu, Vayalpad taluk.*

*67 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether petitions were sent by the ryots of Manchalamanda, hamlet of Marella village, Vayalpad taluk, Chittoor district, to the Sub-Collector of Madanapalle and to the District Collector of Chittoor in 1921 and 1923 and 1927 respectively for the purpose of constructing a channel from Rallayeru to Chinnammacheruvu for irrigating their land under the ayakat of the said cheruvu;

(b) what steps were taken till now to comply with their request;

(c) whether they presented a petition to the Executive Engineer, Madanapalle division, and the Collector of Chittoor that they would dig the channel at their own costs if the Government would contribute half the cost after the completion of the work; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken in that direction?

A.—(a) to (d) A copy of a letter [a] from the Collector of Chittoor, dated 24th December 1930, which gives the required particulars is attached.

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"With reference to the statement made in the appendix, will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to refer the matter to the Collector to see whether he can do anything for the purpose of constructing the channel because the ryots are not in a position to advance more money?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"It is an unproductive scheme. It is unlikely it will receive the approval of Government in the present financial condition of the province."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Did the Collector call for a contribution from the ryots at an earlier stage of the enquiry and made a promise to have it done if they paid Rs. 1,500 in advance?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The ryots are not willing to accept the conditions on which the Government are prepared to investigate the scheme."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR:—"Did not the Government foresee this at an earlier stage of the enquiry?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL:—"The history of the matter is fully set out in the report of the Collector."

## Village officers

*Jamabandi allowances to village officers in ryotwari areas.*

*68 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any decision on the question of giving jamabandi allowances to village officers in ryotwari areas?

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 278 infra.

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*A.*—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 1686 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 29th March 1930.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Am I to understand, Sir, that in the course of the last ten months (since March 1930), no progress has been made by the Government in coming to a decision on this question ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" Since the answer to this question was sent to the Legislative Council Office, we have received information on the financial effect of the restoration of the jamabandi allowance. So far as ryotwari villages are concerned, the restoration involves an increased cost of Rs. 2,87,650, while the saving in the jamabandi allowances is Rs. 2,05,615. Again, the restoration of the village establishment in the ryotwari villages alone has cost more than before the restoration, and consequently there are no funds available from that source to expend on jamabandi allowances. If we take the proprietary villages into account as well, the net increase in cost is Rs. 1,77,315 and the total saving in the zamindari as well as ryotwari areas on the withdrawal of the jamabandi allowances is Rs 2,12,253. Taking the whole expenditure and savings into account, we find that there is a saving of Rs. 34,938. It is not therefore possible to restore the jamabandi allowances in full. The old jamabandi allowance was Rs. 5 a year for a headman or karnam, and a karnam also received Rs. 5 a year for attending at the taluk office to close his accounts. The present saving is sufficient to provide an allowance of 13 annas 2 pies in place of five rupees. I do not know if it is worth while to give this small sum to village officers. As at present advised I do not consider it desirable to offer them this small sum."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, in the answer to this question, attention has been drawn to an answer given in March 1930. In such cases, may I request the hon. Minister to repeat the answer previously given ? "

## Aircraft

*Aerodrome for the City of Madras.*

11-30 a.m. * 69 *Q.*—Mr. F. E. JAMES : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention has been called to a resolution passed by the Madras Corporation on October the 1st regarding the urgent necessity of providing a suitable aerodrome in or near the city ;

(*b*) what action, if any, he has taken or proposes to take in regard to this resolution ;

(*c*) whether Government is prepared to assist in providing a suitable aerodrome for Madras by acquiring the necessary land for the purpose ; and

(*d*) whether the Government has represented to the Government of India the claims of South India to main air-line communication ?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*d*) As the hon. Member is aware, " Aircraft and all matters connected therewith " is a Central subject and the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in the matter. A copy of the Resolution has therefore been forwarded to the Government of India.